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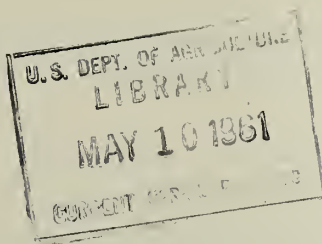
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Dear Co-workers:

We are pleased that Maurice L. Hill, State 4-H Club Leader in Connecticut will be joining our staff in the Division of 4-H Club Programs. This is planned for May 15. His chief assignment will be to serve as Regional Leader of 4-H and YMW Programs for the Northeastern States. He will also have responsibilities for some national phases of the 4-H Club program. Those assignments are always worked out democratically by the entire staff, and will be done as soon as Maurice arrives.

Maurice has a rich background of experience for his new assignment. His outstanding leadership in Connecticut these past two years - plus his previous work as a county club agent and member of the State 4-H staff in Michigan enable him to bring a wealth of "know how" to our FES group.

Our staff is eager to greet him as a team member and to have his help in planning ways the Division of 4-H and YMW Programs can better serve you.

His wife and four lovely children are expected to join him in the Washington area after the close of the school year.

## FIELD TRAVEL REQUESTS

Soon you will again have the opportunity of requesting schedules for our Division staff members to work with you in your various States. We are anxious to do this in ways that will serve the most States with the greatest economy of time and travel budget. May we suggest that you do some inter-state discussion about ways that consecutive dates can be arranged.

Our priorities usually go to:

1. Requests related to planning, evaluation, and program development.
2. Interstate or regional conferences of Extension workers.
3. Assistance in staff training or other staff conferences.

4. Field trips where more than one State can be included in an itinerary.
5. Events, low priority - unless a training or ample evaluation motive is involved.

We will welcome opportunities to talk with you during National Conference about ways that our staff team can best serve you.

#### NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK

We are in the review stage regarding the 1961 4-H Week activities and are hoping that you will share with us a summary of what went on in your State. Actually the impact can finally be measured only in terms of the coverage in local communities and the "image" of 4-H work that is created or enhanced. Do let us hear from you.

The combined efforts of the National 4-H Service Committee, National 4-H Club Foundation, and the Federal Extension Service resulted in a very imposing list of accomplishments. Have you heard about:

The meeting with the President and the Secretary of Agriculture.

The Congressional dinner on Sunday evening - a new feature.

Luncheon on Monday at the 4-H Center for agricultural, educational and business leaders.

Luncheon for business leaders in New York City and an impressive news conference.

The Dave Garroway TV program which the young people shared with Secretary Freeman.

Several network radio interviews - Arthur Godfrey, Farm broadcasts, etc.

Those were just a few of the highlights! We appreciate the good work done by Bill Smith and Charline Lindsay, who were advisers to the six youth delegates.

To help us plan for another year, we'll want to evaluate some of the tools we prepared for your use, such as the Ideas kit, made available for you to send counties. We may want to do some spot surveys in a random sample of counties.

#### INTERSTATE VOLUNTEER 4-H LEADERS FORUM

The first forum was a tremendous success, with 200 enthusiastic local leaders from Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Maine,

New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. This trial forum was set up to give leaders a chance to broaden their understanding in human relations, to sharpen leadership skills, and to gain a deeper understanding of their citizenship responsibilities and its relationship to their local 4-H Club groups. Leaders were high in their praise of the values from informal discussions as well as the scheduled part of the program.

For most of the leaders this was their first trip to the Nation's Capital. A large number of them had scheduled visits with their Senators and Representatives. Another highlight was a tour to a number of the embassies. The National 4-H Club Foundation has scheduled another such forum for October 2-6.

#### NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

May we just say that we are looking forward to some exciting opportunities to explore program development relating to citizenship work in 4-H--both through the leaders' sessions and the delegate program. As you know, the theme is "Citizenship in Four Dimensions"--personal, group, government, and international. Committees are hard at work developing the plans for each of these two segments of the program.

One woman and six men are to be honored as "Partners in 4-H". They are Dr. W. W. Bauer of American Medical Association, Dr. Howard Dawson who directs rural development for National Education Association, Adm. Robert C. Glover of Atlantic Rural Exposition, Merritt D. Hill of Ford Motor Company, N. C. McGowen of United Gas Corporation, Miss Lucille Rae of Simplicity Pattern Company, and Edgar T. Savidge of American Bankers Association. Presenting the citations will be a part of Friends-of-4-H Day on Friday.

#### TRI-STATE EXTENSION CONFERENCE, MARCH 17-19, 1961

The 11th edition of this conference was one of the largest and according to participants, one of the most stimulating to date. Although the large majority of young adults attending were from Pennsylvania and New York, there were also representatives from Canada, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Ohio, Maryland, and New Jersey, as well as several individual visitors from other countries around the world.

The theme seemed most appropriate to challenge these young adults--"Not at the Top but Climbing". The meat of the conference consisted of inspirational talks, choice of 10 different work groups, feature presentations such as IFYE



and plenty of good recreation available at the Pocono Manor Inn. The conference was planned by a committee of State and county workers and young adults from New York and Pennsylvania. The chairmanship alternates between the two States with Harold Carley and Don Jewett, assistant State 4-H Club leaders from New York, co-chairmen this year.

### PEACE CORPS DISCUSSIONS

Discussions about the Peace Corps have focused much healthy discussion about the merits of the IFYE program. We have been pleased that something 4-H has been doing for 12 years is having such favorable approval. Actually, the IFYE plan has been considered a pioneer effort and is being carefully studied in developing the National Program of International Understanding.

Our Division staff has shared two discussions, along with the 4-H Club Foundation, with personnel working to formulate the Peace Corps. The Foundation has developed a rather comprehensive presentation of ways to help implement the Peace Corps--selection, orientation, training and follow-up.

### 4-H PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE

From the day of his birth a man reaches out -  
First with his hands,  
Then with his mind -  
Never satisfied,  
Until at last, he reaches out with his heart.

We asked Warren Schmidt, chairman of 4-H People-to-People Activities, to summarize some of the recent activity. He gave us the following four items:

#### 1. A New Aspect of IFYE

The 1961 IFYE program will feature a pilot program under which about 15 of this year's exchangees from Latin America will be associated with the 4-H type movements in these countries as junior professional or local volunteer leaders. These exchangees will have a regular IFYE experience supplemented by special opportunities for observation and training in the 4-H program in this country.

#### 2. 4-H CARE Program

4-H Clubs and individual members contributed over \$2,600 to CARE through the 4-H CARE program last year. These funds are being used to aid in the development of 4-H type rural youth programs in 14 countries.

3. Dahomey Scholarship

The 4-H Dahomey Farm School Scholarship Program is being supported by five counties and two States. These participants have obligated themselves to contribute \$1,260 for the support of seven students in this school this year. In addition, an exchange of information, pictures and materials, has begun between the sponsoring groups and the Farm School, which should be of real educational value on both sides.

4. Wyoming International Foods Project

Older girls in Wyoming are adding an international dimension to their foods project work. With the help of the National 4-H Club Foundation, the names and addresses of girls in foreign countries, interested in foods, are being obtained. This entitles each girl to have a Pen Pal with whom to exchange information and ideas on favorite dishes, recipes and eating customs. Wyoming is one of the States with a special foods project on international foods called "Foods of other Lands".

AMERICAN RED CROSS JOURNAL

The November issue of American Red Cross "Journal" concerned youth around the world. This is a particularly good issue to help us understand the situation of young people internationally.

YOUTH AND THE WORLD

A new edition of this resource book for youth leaders is just issued by the People-to-People youth activities committee. The price is \$1.00 a copy. Camp Fire Girls are handling distribution as a service to the committee. You could write to Supply Division, Camp Fire Girls, 450 Avenue of the Americas, New York 11.

NATIONAL HOME DEMONSTRATION WEEK - April 30-May 6

Here is a chance for 4-H clubs to recognize the support of adults who are active in home demonstration programs. We hope this goes on all year, but Home Demonstration Week may offer extra stimulation to give recognition and thanks. Your State home demonstration leader and your Extension home economics editor will know of interesting plans being developed in your State. We trust you will suggest appropriate ideas for 4-H.

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - April 16-22

Committees planning National Library Week will be anxious to make special exhibits, develop reading lists, or arrange programs that can center about 4-H Club interests. For example, many libraries would gladly do a display of books about 4-H Club work if you just made the suggestion. Their theme is "For a richer, fuller life...Read!" Here are suggestions Montana has sent out to its counties:

1. Visit the library during this week.
2. Make posters or window displays for the week.
3. Give a talk or demonstration on reading at a 4-H meeting, on radio or TV, at school or some community meeting.
4. Take a photo of books, reading, or libraries, and have it published in the local paper.
5. Write a theme for school or article for the newspaper on "Why I Read" - "How I Use Libraries" - "What Books Mean to Me".
6. Ask an author, librarian, bookstore operator, or other person interested in reading and books to be the outside speaker at your April 4-H Club meeting.

Montana's effort to emphasize reading activities is told in the February issue of the magazine "Junior Libraries". Gerry Fenn is author.

In observance of National Library Week, the Young Adult Services Division of the American Library Association has secured a specially selected quantity of books for five State 4-H Club Camps. These were contributed by five separate suppliers. The books were presented to the State 4-H Club Camps in Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, New Jersey, and West Virginia.

### MENTAL HEALTH WEEK - April 30-May 6

Spotlight will be on Mental Health Careers. This may fit into your own plans for career exploration. An Action Kit with ideas for this observance will gladly be sent to you. Write: National Association for Mental Health, 10 Columbus Circle, New York 19, N. Y.



## NATIONAL RADIO MONTH - MAY

This will be a period to focus attention on the community contributions of the radio industry, theme: Radio - The Best Sound Around. Throughout the year, local radio stations are among our best 4-H cooperators. Maybe you can say an appropriate "thank-you" during their observance.

Some of the States have used Radio Month as a time for touring the radio stations. Station executives have proved more than willing to explain their operations and their interest in public service. Also, radio stations are glad to publicize 4-H activities and help plan those in which you may jointly participate.

## FIRE SAFETY MATERIALS

If you are not familiar with the materials developed for youth by the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, you may want to contact William F. Steinmetz, assistant secretary, at 2105 North Meridian St., Indianapolis 7. Ask for a copy of the guidebook for "Prevention of Fire on the Farm" as well as "Inspection Report Form."

The National Safety Council reminds us that last year, due to farm fires, 850 lives were lost and property valued at \$174,000,000 was destroyed. We are proud of the interest in safety shown by 4-H members and the good work they are doing. However, the challenge is constant.

## "VEHICLES, ROADS, PEOPLE" - A Good Reference

Many of you are suggesting the publication "Vehicles, Roads, People" as a good reference in the 4-H Automotive Care and Safety Project. Its distribution was to all Extension workers, both State and county.

We find some counties are loaning their copies to local leaders. You may be glad to know that permission is granted for Extension workers to reproduce any portion of the book which seems desirable for Club members' use.

## VEHICLE SAFETY CHECK PROGRAM

Spring is bursting out all over and here is an idea for pepping up your automotive project work: Have you tried a kit of planning materials on the Vehicle Safety Check Program? A sample kit may be obtained from the National Vehicle Safety-Check for Communities, 2000 K Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C. M. R. Darlington, Jr. is Director of the Committee. A check sheet is enclosed for your use.

### BOOK ON CAREERS IN FASHION

Since most States are active in career exploration work, we are on the lookout for materials you may find useful. A new book called "Your Future in the Fashion World" may interest some of you. This includes the beauty business and home furnishings, as well as fashion fields associated with clothing. Singer's Marion Ross is author of the section relating to careers in home sewing industry.

### 4-H ISSUE OF EXTENSION REVIEW

The 4-H issue of Extension Service Review is now scheduled for June rather than May. We have cooperated on the shift due to need for a May issue on a topic where time was a factor. 4-H Club work is good information any month. We know some of you will be planning to use the Review issue in your training program and hope this notice will be in time for your planning.

### LEADS FOR LEADERS

The 18th edition of "Leads for Leaders" this month is from Missouri. Missouri has pioneered in developing visuals presentations, at the State level, that can be easily reproduced and used in counties. These series of topics done by the staff and outlined in the booklet are the same topics many leaders in the United States are asking for. The booklet should provide excellent ideas for both agent and volunteer leader training.

### MYTHS AND FACTS ABOUT LEARNING

"What is the best method of teaching volunteer leaders?" "How can a leader work with club members to keep their interest?" These questions are related to the more basic question of "How do we really learn?" You will be interested in the different approach to presenting this in the common beliefs (myths) and the findings of research (facts). Copy attached.

### 4-H OLDER MEMBER SURVEY REPORT

Sometime ago we included an item about the very comprehensive survey regarding Extension programs for older boys and girls in Minnesota. There was much interest at that time and we requested copies for you. Minnesota gave us a supply and we are very happy to send a copy to you. The survey gathers ideas, facts and figures from junior leaders, volunteer adult leaders and Extension agents. Although mainly for Minnesota, it should give you some suggestions about program organization, leadership, etc. in your State.

If you want more information, write Bob Pinches, Assistant State Leader, 4-H Club, Minnesota.

## SHARING SOME OF THE GOOD IDEAS IN USE IN THE STATES

### LEADER DEVELOPMENT

Most of our examples below are of leader training. Since leader development includes recruitment-training-recognizing, we start first with an example aimed at recruitment--an editorial in the Herald-Journal (Logan, Utah) under the title, "The Pay? - Satisfaction".

"A CALL WENT out this week for volunteer 4-H leaders--men and women--in Cache County.

"The two folks in charge of the work, Agents Jessie Eller and Ray Burtenshaw, said: 'There are 297 men and women now engaged in 4-H leadership in the county--but there still are vacancies.

'There is no salary; leaders must take pay in smiles and satisfaction of a job well done. But most of them declare the pay is sufficient--watching boys and girls grow in knowledge, skills and self-confidence.'

"As National 4-H Week comes to a conclusion, we are pleased to endorse this youth movement. We've seen 4-H boys and girls in a myriad of activities. We've admired their worthy accomplishments."

### Connecticut - "Citizenship is You"

Leaders, at the 15th annual State 4-H Leaders Conference, explored citizenship possibilities in the 4-H program at club, community, national and world levels. Alumni recognitions and four State 4-H citations were presented.

### Illinois - District Conferences for Leaders

More than 2400 local leaders and agents attended the district conferences and recognition dinners. Citizenship was the theme. One of the methods used was to have leaders listen to the taped Korean POW report and discuss the implications to working with youth in 4-H.



### Maryland - Recreation Training Schools

The Recreation Department at University of Maryland has offered to help county agents conduct training schools for local 4-H leaders. University students majoring in recreation will conduct the work as an on-the-job training opportunity. Sounds like a good two-way arrangement.

### Minnesota - Training Trainers

Selected leaders and one or two agents from each county were trained at leaders' institutes. Those who received the training will have responsibility in their counties. "Planning for Learning" was the emphasis for the morning sessions. In the afternoon the groups made application of this to careful project selection and to judging activities--with a group of leaders considering each of the two topics. As in past years, leaders' KITS were prepared.

### Mississippi - Leadership Development in Trial Counties

The State staff is working intensively with six trial counties, to develop useful approaches in their situation. They are working with volunteer leaders in both community and school clubs. A part of this, is a series of leader training meetings in the six counties where the State staff is giving special help.

### Nevada - Training Conference

Emphasis was on activities that promote building better citizens. The opening session of the Conference was devoted to 4-H Club objectives and policy. The role of projects and materials was scheduled for the second day, third-day sessions centered on effective methods of working with boys and girls and planning the 4-H program. The final day featured leadership development, followed by a look at the direction 4-H Club work should take in the future.

### New York - Leadership Training Conference

The family life conference conducted by the Department of Child Development and Family Relationships, is an opportunity for many leaders and agents. Theme for 1961 will be: Youth - Their Concerns. Program is planned to interest community leaders and those working with young people.

### Ohio - Progress in Leadership Training

Last year, interested county personnel met to develop materials for volunteer leadership training. Since that time there have been stepped-up



training programs. Number of county meetings increased from 265 to 994, and attendance from 15,000 to 50,000. The four areas listed most frequently in the training meetings were: Objectives and philosophy of 4-H (195), program planning (199), holding good club meetings (188), and project selection (130).

#### Washington - 4-H Camp Workshop

Three types of persons will be at a workshop in late April: Adult 4-H leaders and agents who are in charge of camping programs, camp planning committees, and adults responsible for training camp counselors. Setting will be the Coronet Bay Camp at Deception Pass State Park. Everyone will have opportunity to join in discussions on camp philosophy and camp program planning. Special interest sessions will be on counseling, outdoor living, camp management, and inspirational programs.

#### Wisconsin - District 4-H Leaders' Meetings

During March a series of eight meetings were held in various districts. Theme of the program was "Parent Cooperation". One of the tools used was the new movie, "Man Enough for the Job". Each of the meetings was a one-day affair with a special luncheon at noon.

#### Wyoming - Two Types of Training Events for Leaders

About 200 local leaders were a part of the 22nd Annual Leaders Conference in late February. This was a five-day event at the State University. The program included general sessions on 4-H philosophy and techniques of leadership, plus workshops related to 4-H agricultural and home economics projects. In addition, five one-day district conferences were held at centrally-located points over the State, for about 400 leaders.

### STAFF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

#### Massachusetts - "Train Agents to Train Leaders"

A two-day training meeting was held for all agents who do 4-H Club work. Focus was on leadership development to help staff members in their work with volunteer leaders. Emphasis also was on how town committees could play a significant role.

#### Maryland - Training Held at 4-H Center

Agents in Maryland had the opportunity of a training conference at the National 4-H Center. Again, the focus was on helping agents to develop volunteer leadership. Resource consultants included Bill Smith of Pennsylvania as well as staff members from FES.

### New Hampshire - Evaluation of County Programs

Mary Frances Lyle was resource person for a staff training event centered on how to evaluate county programs. Starting point was an evaluation device worked out by the National Evaluation Committee. The group considered and revised the basic form so it would be usable to them.

### North Carolina - Second series of Workshops

Nine district workshops are being held from now through the middle of May. This is follow-up of a series held last fall and subsequent conferences held with each county staff. The supervisors--agriculture, home economics, and 4-H--met with each county team to discuss their situation. The current meetings relate to basic program development stressing development of volunteer leadership and on community clubs.

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

### North Dakota - Beef Project Based on Rate of Gain

4-H Club members in Ramsey County got valuable experience in a beef feeding rate-of-gain project which was made possible by the purchase of a portable scale by the Ramsey County Fair Board.

Forty-six calves were weighed to determine beginning weights. Final weights were taken at the Ramsey County 4-H achievement days. Each member kept his own feed records and weighed his feed one day a month. Feed prices were set uniformly. The project taught the young beef producers the importance of a good ration to keep their cattle on feed, the costliness of waste, and the importance of buying calves at a reasonable price.

### South Carolina - Subject Matter Letters

South Carolina has been strengthening its subject matter content for 4-H members in their different 4-H projects. The 4-H staff has worked with Extension specialists in preparing suggested letters for Extension agents to mail 4-H'ers at critical points in their project work. The subject matter letters have been compiled in an attractive notebook style and copies have been provided for agents' desks. This is an interesting method for agents to use in keeping club members alerted as to what they should be doing in their 4-H projects.

### West Virginia - Clothing Schools

Advanced clothing training is provided on a regional basis. Two types of schools are offered -- one for leaders and agents, and the other for members and leaders. To determine the subject-matter content, the specialist makes up a list of topics based on needs as indicated at exhibits and dress revues. The counties then check those they feel apply in their county and rate them in order of importance. In this way, the emphasis can be varied for the different districts.

### EVENTS FOR OLDER MEMBERS

#### Maryland - Let's Stress Dress

The Annual Youth Conference delegates were enthusiastic about the program on suitable dress and good grooming for boys and girls. The program was developed by a committee of University of Maryland Collegiate 4-H Club members. The movie, "The Cut of Your Jib," was a popular feature to provoke discussion.

#### New Jersey - 4-H College Weekend

Plans are under way for a May 5-7 weekend on the Agricultural Campus. The weekend can acquaint older members with college opportunities.

#### North Dakota - 4-H and Young Men and Women Tour Legislature

Over one-hundred people from twelve different counties had a chance to see their 1961 Legislature in action when they took part in "Know Your State Government" tour on February 13 and 14. Interest was high among the older 4-H members and young adults who took part. As one Legislator put it: "We have many groups touring the Legislature but this group asked many more questions." Each participant completed a Tour Study Guide which necessitated visiting and obtaining information from the Chart Room where the present status of the bill the tour participant had selected was obtained; the Mailing Room where he got a copy of the Journal for the day this bill was introduced; and the Bill Room to get a copy of the bill. Four law-makers formed a panel to discuss "How a Bill Becomes Law".

Everyone on the tour visited the House and Senate sessions and also one or more committee meetings, where much of the legislative action takes place. A special treat of the tour was a visit to the Governor's new mansion. The Governor's wife, with the help of several legislators' wives, took about 10 youth at a time through the entire mansion, explaining each item of interest in detail.



### Ohio - Career Conference

Three college students and three university officials discussed job opportunities in agriculture and home economics at a Career Conference on the Ohio State University Campus. The Conference was designed for high school students interested in available careers in agriculture and home economics and for their parents and teachers. Assistant Dean Chester S. Hutchison showed slides of what graduates of the college now are doing. A panel of university officials and agricultural students discussed "Threshold on the Future".

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

#### Missouri - 4-H Road Signs - State Project

The State 4-H Club Council set as one of its Statewide goals, to encourage county 4-H councils to repair, repaint, or make new county 4-H road signs. Most of the new or improved signs were in place for 4-H Week.

#### Puerto Rico - "Thank-You" to Donors

Supporters and donors of the 4-H program were recognized at a recent dinner, held at the new University Center at Rio Piedras. Recipients of the 4-H awards were on hand to be identified and to join in an expression of appreciation to the various friends of 4-H.

### NEWS OF OUR CO-WORKERS

New Appointees include:

Cecil Mayfield, a former assistant county agent, has joined the Alabama staff as a 4-H Club Specialist.

Mary Jane Stangl, Montana, replaces Margaret Kuhl, who resigned following her marriage in December. Miss Stangl was an IFYE delegate to Sweden. She was employed as a home demonstration agent in South Dakota.

Marilyn Purdie, Assistant HDA at Brookhaven, Miss., has been chosen as replacement for Helen Johnson, leaving to be married. Miss Purdie is a former 4-H Club member and was agent in Lincoln County. She will begin work on the State staff May 1.

Gloria H. Johnson, Home Demonstration Agent in Idaho, has been appointed as Assistant State 4-H Club Leader.



Mrs. Emma Bybee of Kentucky is resigning to become a fulltime homemaker.

Virginia Norris, State 4-H Club Agent in Missouri, has been appointed as a district supervisor.

Natalie Wiggers Riecks, is the new name for one of our Illinois co-workers since her recent marriage. Natalie's title is Extension Specialist in 4-H Club Work.

Craig Montgomery, North Dakota, now has the title of State 4-H and YMW Leader. Mrs. Gladys N. Hansen, former assistant, has been named Associate State 4-H Club Leader.

George Foster, Tennessee, is on leave to work toward his doctorate. He is enrolled at George Washington University here in Washington. Acting in Tennessee is E. B. Jenkins. George recently participated in the annual meeting of the National Wildlife Federation by conducting one of the workshops. As you know, he is chairman of the 4-H Conservation of Natural Resources Committee.

Dr. William "Bill" Skelton, Virginia, plans to do some post-doctoral study in Extension administration. In May he will be entering the National Agricultural Center at University of Wisconsin for the Spring period.

Frank Campbell, Wisconsin, is back on the job after a study period at Chicago University. Curtis Trent has returned to Texas, and G. L. Carter has joined the 4-H staff in Tennessee. No doubt, you know of the work Curtis and G. L. did in studying the role of the State 4-H Club Leader.

Marian Davis, a former outstanding 4-H Club member from Ohio, has joined the National Girl Scout staff to do home economics programming. Marian won a 4-H scholarship in the clothing achievement program. She has been active in RYUSA and in international activities.

Marian Beebe of Missouri is moving to Kansas City, thereby leaving the State 4-H staff.

Margaret Kohl of California has finished her studies at American University and is now on a travel schedule which will take her to several European countries and to the Near East.

Ralph Kirch, Michigan, National 4-H Fellow in 1959-60, has joined the staff of the National 4-H Club Foundation. He will have the assignment, Director of Resources.

Jim Messerschmidt has joined the staff of the Automotive Safety Foundation, working with John Marks, here in Washington. His place at the National Safety Council is being taken by Gene Brown formerly a 4-H Club agent in McHenry County, Illinois.

Four business leaders have been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the National 4-H Club Foundation. They are J. D. Sykes, vice-president of Ralston Purina Company; Jesse W. Tapp, chairman of the board of the Bank of America; Daniel F. Gerber, president of Gerber Products Company; and W. J. Klein, vice-president of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company.

A great honor has come to a devoted worker: The Home Economics Building at Washington State University has been named "White Hall--College of Home Economics" in honor of M. Elmina White. Many of you will remember the dedicated service Miss White gave as a member of the Subcommittee on 4-H Club Work. She was one of the first two home demonstration agents appointed in the State of Washington. She then became Assistant State 4-H Club Leader, State Club Leader, and later Assistant Director of Home Economics. For a brief period she served as Assistant Director in Charge of Home Economics for the then territory of Hawaii. As such, she was instrumental in the progress of 4-H. Her lifetime goal could be summarized with a couple of words: Leadership Training."

It is fitting that we close with a typical comment of Miss White, that:

"We never get away from the basic interests: Food, clothing and shelter. But, of course, there are still terrific needs which we have not met in the fields of human relations, family life, and the place of the family as the basic unit of society in an atomic age."

Sincerely yours,



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